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THE *Craftsman's* Patrons valu'd themselves so much on the Ferment they rais'd in the Nation sometime ago, by their Clamour against an Inland Duty on two Commodities which had before paid the same at the Water-side, that Mr. *D'Anvers* thinks he can no way do so much Mischief, as by endeavouring to fill the People's Heads with Apprehensions, that all the Evils which were pretended to be in that Scheme, are again coming upon them in another; tho' no more akin to it, than to the Comet which they have so many Weeks been looking for to so little Purpose. 'Tis very plain he knows not so much as the Confidence of the Thing he talks of; nor whether 'tis a Draught or a Drench, Food or Physick, Poyson or Antidote; but having heard that it was nam'd in a Proposal of *Ways and Means*, he cries out immediately an *Excise*, vainly imagining, if he can but fix that terrible Name on any Thing, or any Person, it shall be run down as the Rabble run down Dogs, after the Cry is given out that they are Mad. I doubt nor he would have done the same by the *Postage at Fulham and Putney*, and have call'd it an *Excise*, had it been the *Word* at that Time, and *Westminster Bridge* will surely be an *Excise* with him, if ever a Penny is paid towards building it.

As to the Subject of his last Journal, he is in such a State of Ignorance concerning it, that there's no bringing one's self to have any thing to say to him about it. He must be left to his Dreams, for the Reader will easily perceive, if he wrote asleep, what he said could not be more vague and visionary. I shall only make a few cursory Remarks on the Accuracy and Integrity of his History, *March 26*.

He begins it with telling us, that the first Proposition of an *Excise* was made to that most anointed Prince James I. 'Tis not worth while to examine what he means here, by most Anointed. If it is a Quibble, 'tis too dirty to be explain'd, and by no Means proper for the lewd Mirth of such a Libel as the *Craftsman*. The Proposition he speaks of, was the Work of Sir Robert Dudley, the illegitimate or disinherited Son of the great Earl of Leicester, Favourite to Queen Elizabeth, who in disgust for the Loss of his Inheritance, fled his Country and went to Italy, where he turn'd Papist, and settled at Florence. He was generally look'd upon at Home as a little crazy; and those that spoke the most tenderly of it, said he had disordered his Senses by too much Study, particularly in Chymistry and Physick. The Emperor of Germany gave him the Title of Duke of Northumberland, which his Grandfather John Dudley, Son of Edmund, who suffered with Empson, had been honoured with before; and Pope Urban VIII. conferred on him that of Highness. This Man's Head was always working on some Marvellous Design or other; and as he easily found out what would be most acceptable to King James I. who loved Power so well, as to do any thing but fight for it; he made a Book which was call'd, *A Discourse to correct the Exorbitances of Parliaments, and enlarge the King's Revenue*. It began thus: *The Proposition of your Majesty's Service containeth Two Parts, the one to secure the State, and bridle the Importunances; the other, to increase your Majesty's Revenue*. The Importunances should probably be *Impertinences*; but it is not so in Dudley's MS. which was written in the Year 1613, and not discovered till the Year 1630, long enough after King Charles I. had issued his Commission of *Excise*; tho' Mr. *D'Anvers* tells us, that was the second Proposition, notwithstanding Sir Robert Dudley's was never made publick, nor put to any Use, but to entertain King James and his Son King Charles in their Closets, with the Sweet Ideas of Arbitrary Power; and this Book was found lying open in King Charles's Cabinet by Pickern, Master Falconer, who looking into it, and seeing what it tended to, took it and carried it to Car, Earl of Somerset, who shew'd it to the Earls of Bedford and Clare, Sir Robert Cotton, the great Antiquary, the Learned Selden, and

Mr. St. John, Great Grandfather to the late Viscount Bolingbroke, and these Noblemen and Gentlemen had it dispersed, for which being betrayed by a Servant of Sir Robert Cotton's, they were all committed and thrown into the Star Chamber, where probably they would have suffered the Extremity of the Tyranny of that Court, had not Occasion been taken from the Joy for the Birth of a Prince of Wales, to drop the Prosecution. These Noble Lords did not disperse Dudley's Book, because they approved it, but to shew the pious Disposition of the two Kings James I. and Charles I. to destroy the Constitution, by cherishing such a Project, and making it their delightful Study. By this we see this Proposition was only an Embrio that died in the Conception; but as if it had been pursued by the Court, and confirm'd by Parliament, Mr. *D'Anvers* says, it was the first Instance of an *Excise*; for the next Instance, says he, was the Commission granted by King Charles I. for establishing an *Excise*, and he sent for 1000 German Horse to raise it. Dudley's Rhapsody of Nonsense and Extravagance, which all that ever saw it despised or abhorred, is the same, if you can believe Mr. *D'Anvers*, from whence the present Ministry and their Friends take all their Measures, both with Respect to Politicks and the Revenue; tho' in all Likelihood none of them ever did, or ever will see it.

His second Instance of *Excise* is, according to him, next to one that was no Instance at all, no more than every Project that lies as waste Paper among the Rubbish of Projectors, without having been ever put to any Use, may be said to be Instances of the Methods of raising Money. The Commissioner he now speaks of, would have been the less blameable in the Opinion of his greatest Admirers, if he had let them know, that Archbishop Laud, was one of the Commissioners of that very *Excise*. Mr. Archdeacon Echard confesses, it was a disobliging Measure; and indeed, it was very disobliging, to take Peoples Money from them against Law; but the Archdeacon positively affirms, that the Horse was not sent to raise the Tax, as the *Craftsman* as positively asserts, but was a necessary Precaution for the King's foreign Engagements. I cannot undertake to reconcile these two Authors to one another, or to the Truth; but, it is certain, that no Horse was sent from Germany, and that the Archbishop and the other Commissioners, raised the Tax without them. As to what he says of the Duties laid on the Consumption of several Commodities during the civil War, he confesses, that Necessity and Self-Preservation, put the Managers on that Method: And have not Necessity and Self-Preservation, been always the Case in all the Supplies which have been raised since the Revolution? Have not the Enemies to our Religion and Liberty, behav'd towards us ever since, as in a State of War, and obliged us to take the necessary Precautions to be upon our Guard, against their continued publick and private Designs, for the Destruction of both? This is the plain State of the Case, and all reasonable Men are thoroughly sensible of it. The Clamour against Taxes, Regular Forces, Debts of the Nation, and the Bugbear Cries that are made by Faction, as often as the Necessities of publick Affairs come into Consideration, are worn stale Topicks, and make small Impressions on sober Minds, who, by almost fifty Years Experience, are satisfy'd, that their Religion and Liberty, could not have been preserved without the Expence they have been put to; and that the Preservation of such invaluable Blessings, is worth more than all they have laid out, or can lay out, for that great and good End.

Your's,
ET CÆTERA.

Dublin, March 22. Last Week one Kerney a Coachman, took up one Carrick and another Person; Carrick ordered the Coachman to set down the Gentleman at such a Place, and to come afterwards to him, and he would pay him for his Fare; he desired Carrick to pay him then, and he would set down the Gentleman as he desired, because it would be out of his Way to come back to Capple-street, and besides it was Night, and his Horses were tired; Carrick told him, *Sirrah, do you doubt my Payment*; and

caned him severely. The Coachman soon after gave Examinations of the Fact, and last Saturday Night he died. The Coroner's Inquest sat on Sunday Morning on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*. We hear his Skull was fractured.

This Night the Corpse of the Right Hon. the Countess of Antrim, is to be deposited in the Vault belonging to that noble Family in Christ Church.

Edinburgh, March 24. The Beginning of this Week, a signed Information was exhibited to the Right Hon. Lord Justice Clerk, by George Dundas, of Dundas, Esq; setting forth, 'That three several Letters having been sent to the Right Hon. the Countess of Wemyss, requiring her Ladyship to deposit a certain Sum of Money near the End of the East Leith Walk, at a particular Place therein described, and threatening the highest Mischiefs in case of Non-compliance; and, that there being sufficient Ground to believe that James Gray, Gardener near the Place appointed, is guilty of the said Offence, therefore, &c.' His Lordship having granted Warrant accordingly, Gray was committed for six Days to close Confinement in the City Gaol, and afterwards till liberate in Court of Law.

Yesterday James Braidwood, the last of those committed to the Castle on Account of Captain Porteous's Riot, having run his Letters, was set at Liberty.

Shields, March 25. On the 16th past, the Biddesford Man of War, Capt. Conser, sail'd from hence, and on the 17th anchor'd in Burlington Bay; the Wind blowing strong at S. S. E. (which caused a great Sea) on the 18th, she weigh'd, and made sail out of the Bay; but in fishing their Anchor, the Sea put the Ship in such Motion, that the Bill of her Anchor struck into her Bow, by which Accident, she made a great Quantity of Water before it was discovered, and increased so fast, notwithstanding their Pumps, that she kept still sinking; they then fired Guns, and put a Waff in their Ensign, a signal of Distress, but no Assistance coming, and she almost Water-lodg'd, the Hold being full, to save their Lives they run her ashore, about a Quarter of a Mile Northward of Flamborough Head, where every Man and Boy sav'd their Lives, but the Ship was dash'd all to Pieces.

L O N D O N.

By a Mail that arrived Yesterday from France, there is Advice, that on Monday last was se'nnight King Stanislaus set out in a Post Chaise for Lorain, accompany'd by 12 Post Chaises, and several Gentlemen of his Retinue; and the Queen of Poland set out 3 Days after; they propose but short Days Journeys, and will lie at Meaux, at the Episcopal Palace of the Cardinal de Bissy. The Person whom King Stanislaus has appointed his Minister at the Court of France, is M. Olin, who had formerly the Charge of the King's Affairs at the Courts of Spain and England.

We hear that Major General Pearce will be appointed to command all the Forces on the Irish Establishment in the Absence of the Lord Shannon; as also Governor of Londonderry and Culmore Fort, in the room of Lieutenant General Wynne, deceased.

The Rev. Dr. Reynolds, Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol, goes over first Chaplain with the Duke of Devonshire Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Rev. Mr. Copping goes over as the other Domestic Chaplain.

'Tis said that the Rev. Mr. Molloy, late one of the Fellows of the University of Dublin, and rector of Christ Church, is presented to the Living Dunleer, void by the Death of the Rev. Dr. Sington.

Last Monday se'nnight at Midnight, a Fire broke out at a new House in Moleworth-street, Dublin, which intirely consum'd the same, and damaged next House. 'Twas occasioned, as supposed, by Carelessness of some Workmen, who were prett late in wainscoting the Rooms, in not putting out the Fire with which they boil'd their Glaw.

At Shrewsbury Assizes, which ended last Tuesday se'nnight, William Richards alias Laby, received Sentence of Death, for stealing a Bay Mare from Ralph Brown of Mucklestone in Staffordshire, and a Black Mare from John Lucas of Thurlaston in Warwickshire. John Roberts for stealing 24 s. in Money

and some Apparel, is to be transported; and James Rogers for stealing a hundred Skins of Leather, was burnt in the Hand.

They write from Richmond in Yorkshire, that a Marriage will shortly be consummated between the Rev. Mr. Robinson, Rector of Wycliffe, and Miss Stapleton of Watlase, a Lady of great Merit and Fortune.

Sunday last died at Gloucester the Rev. Mr. Uvedale, Rector of Cleeve in Gloucester, which Living is said to be worth 700l. a Year.

Yesterday Morning his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales rid to Kensington, and walk'd some Time in the Royal Gardens.

At Noon his Highness went to hear the Debates in the House of Peers.

Last Night their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, were at the Theatre Royal in Covent Garden, to see the Ode call'd, *Alexander's Feast*.

The latter End of May next, his Grace the Duke of Devonshire will set out for Ireland, to take upon him the Government of that Kingdom.

Last Sunday a Boat, wherein were five Men belonging to a Collier, going from Woolwich on board their Ship that waited for them at Purfleet, was overset by the Violence of the Wind, within 200 Yards of the Ship; by which Accident, four Men were drowned, but the fifth saved himself by swimming to the Ship.

We hear that his Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. the Earl of Essex, to be Capt. and Colonel of the second Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards, in the room of the Hon. Brigadier General Berkeley, deceased.

Yesterday the Rev. Dr. Seebing of Gray's-Inn, preached in the Royal Chapel at St. James's, before her Majesty, and the Princesses Amelia and Caroline.

The Right Hon. the Countess of Coventry, is very dangerously ill at his Lordship's House in Grosvenor's Square.

The Week after next, his Grace the Duke of Bedford is to be married to the Hon. Miss Leveson Gower, Daughter to the Right Hon. the Lord Gower.

The same Week his Grace the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, is to be married to Miss Spencer of Grosvenor's Square.

Yesterday Morning died at his House in Brook's-Arce, John Archer, Esq; a young Gentleman of a good Estate.

Last Sunday died at his Lodgings at Greenwich, William Stairs, Esq; a near Relation to the Right Hon. the Earl of Stairs.

Yesterday Morning died in an advanced Age at his House in Dartmouth-street, Westminster, Mr. Chapman, who was formerly a Messenger in the Reigns of King William and Queen Ann.

To-morrow the Rev. Dr. Herring, Dean of Rochester, will preach before the King and Queen, at the Chapel Royal at St. James's.

On Tuesday last a Maid Servant in Dean's Yard, Westminster, being disorder'd in her Senses, hang'd herself with her Garters tied to the Curtain-Rod, and the sitting in a Chair.

To-morrow the Prisoners condemned at the Assizes at Kingston, are to be executed at Kennington Common.

Yesterday one Williams was committed to the Gatehouse, Westminster, for Shoplifting.

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